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Film Facilitation Office
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

a) Whether the Government proposes to set up a film facilitation office and if so, the details and the present status thereof along with its objectives

b) Whether the Government has introduced new category 'Most Film Friendly State' in the National Film awards to encourage film makers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

c) Whether the Union Government has also suggested to the States to have designated department as the nodal department for permission of shooting of films instead of separate departments;

d) If so, the details thereof along with response of the State Governments thereon; and

e) The other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote India as a destination for filmmaking?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]

(a) : Government has issued necessary administrative sanctions for setting up of Film Facilitation Office (FFO) located in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkatta to be operated by National Film Development Corporation (NFDC). The objectives of the FFO are to act as a facilitation point for the film producers in assisting them to procure requisite permission, disseminate information on shooting locations and the facilities available with the Indian film industry for production/post production and work closely with State Governments in assisting them to set up similar facilities.

(b) : Government has recently introduced a new category of National Film Award titled "Most Film Friendly State" with effect from the 63rd National Film Awards. This award is in acknowledgement of a State Government's efforts in the direction of ease of doing business in respect of facilitation of films and towards promotion of Indian cinema.

(c) to (e): The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India has asked all the State Governments to nominate nodal officers/nodal departments for coordination with the Film Facilitation Office. A number of State Governments have nominated nodal officers and departments. Government of India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting implements Plan schemes with a view to promote India as a filming destination and Indian film industry by participating in various major international film festivals including setting up of India Pavilions in these festivals.

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